
By: **Delegate Bromwell (By Request)**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Health and Safety of Students - Weight of Textbooks**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that
4 set standards for the maximum weight of textbooks used by students in public
5 schools; and generally relating to the regulation of the weight of textbooks for
6 the health and safety of public school students.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Education
9 Section 7-420
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

12 **Preamble**

13 WHEREAS, Overloaded student backpacks used to transport textbooks and
14 other educational materials to and from school each day may lead to back and other
15 health problems; now, therefore,

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Education**

19 7-420.

20 THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR
21 THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF TEXTBOOKS USED BY STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
23 effect July 1, 2003.